

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 9, 1848.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. JOHNSON, of Louisiana, made the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. No. 134.]

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of David Currier, report :*

That this case was examined by the Committee on Pensions of the Senate, on the 13th June, 1844, who made a favorable report thereon. In that report, after due examination, this committee concur, and adopt it as a part of this report.

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.—June 13, 1844.

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of David Currier for a pension, submit the following report :*

The petition states that petitioner was a private soldier of Captain John Leonard's company, of the fortieth regiment of United States infantry, under the command of Colonel Joseph Loring, in the last war with Great Britain; that while apprehending a deserter by the name of Samuel Emerson, at Deerfield, in the State of New Hampshire, he received a wound from a pistol shot in his left thigh, above the knee, which has rendered him a cripple for life; that he was honorably discharged in 1814, in consequence of his wound, and received a certificate from Dr. Benjamin Waterhouse, hospital surgeon at Charlestown, Massachusetts, which discharge and certificate he unfortunately lost while rescuing a man from drowning in the Merrimack river; that he is at present entirely unable to labor for his own support and that of his family, in consequence of the disability arising from the said wound; that he has repeatedly pressed his claim upon the Pension Office without success, and prays that Congress would place him upon the pension list.

The evidence consists of a deposition of John Smith, sworn to before Reuben Bacon, November 3, 1841, who testifies to the fact

of the petitioner having been wounded, as his petition states, in apprehending Samuel Emerson, a deserter, in July, 1814; he (the said Smith) having, as he swears, been present and assisting in the apprehension of said Emerson. There is also a letter from L. Thomas, assistant adjutant general, dated October 31, 1840, in the following words:

"In reply to your letter of the 22d instant, I have to inform you that the records of the office afford nothing more than what was furnished you by the Surgeon General in his reply to your letter of ———, on the subject of your discharge, &c., viz: that you enlisted on the 9th December, 1813, and was discharged on the 10th September, 1814, with *stiff knee*."

Samuel Miles also supports the testimony of John Smith as to the petitioner's wound.

There is also other testimony, to which it is unnecessary particularly to refer; and the evidence on the whole is full and satisfactory.

The surgeon's certificate states the petitioner's disability at one-half.

The committee, therefore, report a bill for his relief.